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MARKET REPORT.

Wheat, white	85
Wheat, red	85
Oats	16
Rye	31
Corn, old ear	10
Corn, shelled	20
Potatoes	10 1/2
Buckwheat	25
Beans	30
Apples per bu	12 1/2
Clover Seed	15
Butter	15 1/2
Honey	10 1/2
Onions, per bu	1 00
Green Hides	05 1/2
Dressed Pork	2 1/2
Live Pork	2 1/2
Dressed Beef	05 1/2
Live Beef	10
Mutton, dressed	15
Live Chickens	15
Dressed Chickens	15
Live Turkeys	15
Live Ducks	15
Live Geese	15
Veal, dressed	15
Baled Hay	8.00 @ 8.50

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A GOOD EXHIBITION.

Given by Alma College Juniors.

In spite of the raging snow storm without, a good sized audience assembled at the college chapel Tuesday night to listen to the second exhibition of the class of '98. This is the largest class in the history of the institution. They are divided among the professions as follows: eight candidates for the ministry, one editor, one lawyer and two teachers.

The evening's exercises were opened with a prayer by President Bruske, after which Misses McLeod and Patterson executed a very beautiful piano duet.

The first oration by Mr. Bates on "Conscience the Source of Law," was very well and thoughtfully written and delivered in a forcible manner.

"Meteors in our Political Sky," by Mr. Bruske was handled in that gentleman's unique and pleasing manner, and won its due applause.

Miss Adams' essay "Sculpture and Sculptors in America," pointed out the rapid growth and future possibilities of art in this land, and showed great care in preparation.

In terse and pointed sentences filled with eulogy and high appreciation, Mr. Crane set forth the characteristics of the great American preacher, "Phillip Brooks." In a charming manner Miss Patterson executed the "Kerry Dance." Her rich soprano voice was never used to better effect.

Mr. Divine followed with an oration on "The Place of Party Spirit."

Mr. Grigsby's oration "The Relation of Language to Thought" was one of the best rendered of the evening.

Variety was very noticeable in the program, the orations following no particular line.

"Clouds" by Mr. Knox treated of the signs of the times. It was well delivered.

The grand and noble work of the "Medieval Church" was carefully and thoughtfully traced by Mr. Long.

In her usual pleasing way Miss Whiting rendered on the piano the "Second Scherzetto," (by Godard).

Mr. McCabe, the wit of the class, rendered in a manner highly appreciated by the audience his oration on "Selfishness vs. Benevolence."

Miss Peters followed with an essay on "Judah Maccabees." This was executed in Miss Peters' refined and earnest manner, and won hearty applause from the hearers.

The most characteristic oration both in matter and manner of delivery was the one by Mr. Stevens, on the "Man of Marked Individuality." It was a delight to the entire class and hearers.

The event closed with an especially delightful and charming vocal solo, "An Rose," by Miss Vogel.

A Sad Bereavement.

It was with a genuine shock both of surprise and pain that the people of Alma learned on Wednesday morning that at midnight, during the great storm, the gentle spirit of Mrs. A. W. Beckner had returned to God who gave it. On Thursday last Mrs. Beckner gave birth to a beautiful little daughter, and up to Saturday all seemed doing nicely. From Saturday until her death, she steadily grew worse, so that by Tuesday evening it was evident that human skill could not avail to save her life. The end came quietly at midnight. She was conscious up to the last, and her last words were of her husband and the children she was so soon to leave.

Mrs. Beckner died, as she has lived, a trustful Christian. In girlhood she gave her heart to her Saviour, and throughout her life she adorned her profession. Before coming to Alma she was a member of St. Paul's Reformed church in Plymouth, Ind. With her husband, she united with the Presbyterian church of Alma, June 15, 1888. In spite of family cares she was faithful in church attendance, always evincing the keenest interest in spiritual things. Mrs. Beckner had also an ambition for mental culture. She was a member and regular attendant of the Woman's Club. She also completed a course in the kindergarten department of the college. But it was in her home where her best work was done, for she was pre-eminently a homemaker. Her husband has lost a true

wife and her little daughters a devoted, unselfish mother.

Anna Graves was born in Plymouth, Ind., Oct. 28, 1860. Here her early life was spent, and here she was married to Mr. A. W. Beckner August 17, 1887, just before he came first to Alma College. They have resided in Alma ever since. To them have been born three children, Florence, Ramona and baby Laura.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the stricken husband and the sadly bereft children. The high esteem in which she was held, the unselfish willingness of Mr. Beckner to give his rare musical talent to forward every good cause, the popularity of both, as well as the youth and helplessness of the children, all appeal in a very special manner to the tenderest sympathies of everybody in Alma. If sympathy and kindly wishes could avail, the bereft family would be relieved of all sorrow. But God only can fill the aching void thus made in heart and home. Jesus only can wipe away their tears, and point them with assurance upward to where their dear one lives, and where one day they may join her.

The funeral services are held in the Presbyterian church this (Friday) afternoon at 2:30. Besides her pastor, Rev. W. F. Jones, Dr. Bruske and Dr. Brooks will have part in the service. Her remains will be laid in beautiful Riverside Cemetery to await the final angel trumpet on Resurrection morning.

DER VATERLAND.

Alma Germans Celebrate.

ONE HUNDRED PRESENT.

Monday was the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the old German Emperor William I, and Alma Germans held a pleasant meeting in the Fink Restaurant in memory of the event.

A good old country supper was served of all the choicest dishes of der Vaterland after which an excellent program was carried out. Music was furnished for the occasion by McCarty's orchestra. The program consisted of recitations and songs by the younger members. An especially pleasing duet by Paul Ingelman and wife, and speeches by a number present. Paul Ingelman's opening address consisted of a eulogistic historical sketch of the great hero, statesman, emperor and soldier, Kaiser Wilhelm.

Dr. J. T. Peters also spoke on some phrases of the evening's chief, Miss Vogel, teacher of German at the college, made a short address which won a round applause from all present.

During the evening three rousing cheers were given for Kaiser Wilhelm and Wm. McKinley by all present.

Everyone present seemed to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent.

Your reporter did not understand all was said, but still is sure that the sentences were grammatical and well balanced.

A Sure Go.

The Record has been creditably informed that the work on the cut off of the Ann Arbor Railroad will be begun by May 1st, and rapidly pushed to completion. The new iron bridge for the river has been ordered and will be on the ground very soon.

A move is on foot which will undoubtedly be consummated by which the present D. G. R. & W. track through town will be discontinued, and both trains run in over the new Ann Arbor track. If this change is made, a union depot will be erected on the west side of town.

A Good Thing.

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Ready for Business.

The new council met last Tuesday night and are now ready for business. President Bagley appointed the following standing committees:

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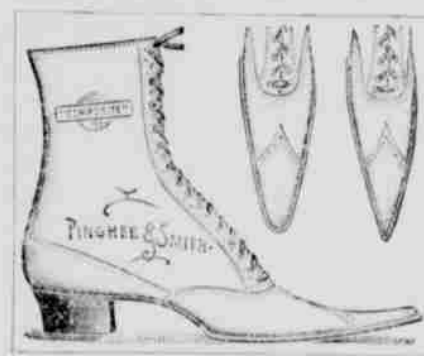
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College Notes.

After a week's illness Prof. J. T. Ewing is back in the class room once more.

The college flag was at half mast this week out of respect to the late Mrs. A. W. Beckner.

Another very valuable gift this week is from Rev. H. H. Northrup of Flint. It is the works of the elder Darwin on "Evolution."

Thursday morning the students presented Dr. Bruske with a beautiful office chair as a token of their love and respect, it being his fiftieth birthday.

Because of our recent affliction the reception which the lady members of the faculty had planned for Dr. Bruske's birthday on Wednesday night, was postponed indefinitely.

R. C. Ely, class of '92, has presented to the library the "Annual Literary Index," a valuable work. Our alumni are remembering their Alma Mater in this substantial way, and we soon look for great results from them.

The following officers were elected at the meeting of the Zeta Sigma Society Monday night for the coming term: Pres., C. E. Scott; Vice Pres., Harry Wright; Sec., S. L. Divine; Treas., W. F. Johnson; 1st Critic, P. H. Bruske; 2nd Critic, F. W. McCabe.

The work of the Y. M. C. A. for another year was closed last Sunday afternoon with a rousing meeting. The newly elected officers take their places at the opening of the spring term, with a very bright prospect for a successful year's work. During the year just closed many marked advances have been made in the association, both as regards interest shown by attendance and spiritual growth. The old officers have shown great efficiency in their work and we look forward to the new ones to carry forward the standards into broader fields.

Sanitarium Notes.

Dr. Darby of Riverdale is at the Sanitarium for treatment.

Mr. Deer is now able to walk with out the aid of a cane.

Mrs. Sherwood Hall was called home to Chicago Monday by the illness of her little son.

Mrs. J. L. Woodcock of Chicago is visiting her son for one week, who is sick at the institution.

Mrs. Thomas Bates of Evanston, Ill., is visiting her daughter, who is on the rest cure for a few days.

Mrs. Harvies, wife of the head salesman for Marshall, Fields & Co., Chicago, is here for a month's rest.

Mrs. Schuette was called home the first of the week by a telegram announcing the illness of her husband.

Several Chicago ladies are taking treatment under Mr. Olmstead, the expert facial masseur of the institution.

Four young ladies with poetical names received a large box of cut flowers from an unknown friend Wednesday evening. They are very handsome.

Dr. W. B. Reise and W. H. Boulton of Chicago, two prominent physicians, were guests at "The Alma" over Sunday. The latter remains for a month's rest and recuperation.

Other persons are registered at the Sanitarium as follows: Lieut. J. A. Cole and wife, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Mrs. Sherwood Hall, Grand Rapids; C. H. Hammond, Pittsburgh, Pa.; J. A. Stoddard and wife, Mrs. C. A. Capwell, Chicago; H. W. Ashley, Toledo, Ohio; Geo. B. Sedgwick, Ishpeming; Elizabeth Crofoot, Beryl Evans, Pontiac; Wm. Schuette, Saginaw; M. Hanson, Detroit, Mich.; Geo. A. Smith, Henderson, Ill.; Sarah A. Hopkins, Newburgh, Ohio; W. C. Bouton, M. D., Mr. D. C. Harriet and wife, Chicago; B. L. Reise, M. D., Dr. H. H. Darby and wife, Riverdale; J. V. N. Harkness, Miss Bishop, Lansing.

School Notes.

Chemistry examination this week.

Archie VanDyne visited school last week.

Mr. Kehn visited chapel exercises last week Thursday.

Rev. Clough conducted chapel exercises last Friday.

Lena Engen was absent from school on account of sickness last week.

Three of last year's seniors, Misses Erma Rush, Boneita Greig and Bertha Struble visited school Monday.

All were greatly surprised Monday on entering chapel to the music of a new march. We surely are improving.

Miss Burns' class in German had a German dinner last Friday in the library. A good substantial "Old Country" meal was served, and all present had a very enjoyable time. The odors of limburger cheese even reached as far as the high school room.

For Sale.

Two sap pans, one six ft. by three ft. six in., and the other three ft. six in. by two ft. six in. Inquire of Mrs. H. C. Downs.

Additional Local.

Thomas Goble left Wednesday morning for Bowling Green, Ohio, to visit friends.

Married, at the M. E. parsonage on Wednesday evening, March 24, Rev. J. W. McAllister officiating; Sherman Somerville and Miss Carrie Shook, both of Emerson.

The report that I done the papering on the Parkinson church and the Gallagher house in North Pine River, both of which were botch jobs, is a mistake and without foundation. I guarantee my work and do none but first-class jobs. I. E. Mills, Alma, Mich.

Here are some of the sentiments expressed by leading newspapers in the United States, regarding Mr. Conary's lecture, "Around the Stove," which appears in the Baptist church, Saturday night: "He is more than a humorist."—Newburyport Herald, Mass. There was a large audience and much enjoyment last evening at the South End Tabernacle, where Mr. Hoyt L. Conary gave an entire evening of readings and impersonations.—Boston Herald. He is a star of the first magnitude! He is king in his line! So says Peter C. Ross, Berkeley Temple, Boston. All are invited to hear this talented genius. Admission 25 cents.

Farmers' Club.

Program of Seville and Summer Farmers' Club to be held on the first Thursday in April at the home of Mr. R. Lewis of Sumner.

Song by the Club.
Recitation, Grace Hammond.
Paper, Mrs. E. A. Patter.
Select Reading, Mrs. E. Harris.
Club Question, Ought Mortgages to be Taxed?
Question Box.
Music by Miss Verna Sadler and Brooks Hammond.

A Rare Treat.

The friends of the pastor of the M. E. church are invited to attend the Annual Reunion at G. A. R. Hall. Yourself and friends are cordially invited to attend a reunion of the membership and friends of the Methodist church, held in G. A. R. Hall, Monday evening, March 29, 1897. Program and refreshments will be provided by the Epworth League and the Board of Stewards.

COMMITTEE.

Bids Wanted.

Bids will be received until April 3rd for hauling wood from wood yard to Sanitarium fire room for one year. We reserve right to reject any and all bids. ALMA SANITARIUM CO.

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